

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 and 36 are pending in this application. Claims 34 and 36 are amended herein, and claim 35 is cancelled herein.

The amendments made to claims 34 and 36 do not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed, inasmuch as they find full 35 USC §112 support in the application as originally filed, including page 210, line 22 to page 212, line 32; page 296, line 13 to page 296, line 30; and page 298, line 15 to page 299, line 5.

Conclusion

Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

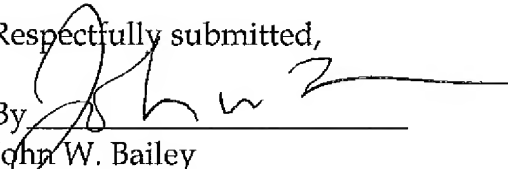
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